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OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL SESSIONS

AT

ANDERSON C. H., S. C.,

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ANDERSON C. H., S. C., Nov. 16th, 1870, 7 P. M.

The time for the annual meeting of Synod having been changed from October 19th to November 16th at a *pro re nata* meeting called for this purpose, at Columbia, October 4th, the Synod of South Carolina convened in the Presbyterian church at Anderson C. H., November 16th, at 7 o'clock p. m., and was opened by the Moderator, Rev. D. E. Frierson, with a sermon on John xviii. 37.

After prayer the roll was called, and the following members were present, viz.:

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL,

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. Banks,	James Hemphill,	Purity.
James Douglass,	John C. Foster,	Waxhaw.
H. R. Dickson,	J. F. Lindsay, M. D.,	Yorkville.
John L. Wilson,	J. C. Tipping,	Bethesda and Zion.
R. E. Cooper. (3)*	A. A. McKenzie, (3)	Bethel.
	J. F. Workman, (3)	Rock Hill and Ebenezer.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Geo. Howe, D. D.,	T. A. Elliott, M. D.,	Orangeburg.
I. S. K. Legare,	W. J. Duffie,	Columbia.
T. H. Legare,	J. A. Enslow, (3)	Zion, (Glebe Street)
W. H. Adams,		[Charleston.
W. E. Boggs,		
J. B. Mack,		
J. D. A. Brown,		
P. Gowan,		
J. L. Girardeau, D. D., (3)		
G. J. Porter. (3)		

*The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the session the members first appeared.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. L. Wilson, D. D.,	T. L. Burgess, M. D.,	Salem (Black River).
G. W. Boggs,	John Blakely,	Manning.
W. S. Plumer, D. D.,	W. A. McDowell,	Lebanon and Horeb.
D. E. Frierson,	R. Rosborough,	Aimwell.
James McDowell,		
J. R. Dow,		
E. H. Buist,		
W. W. Mills. (2)		

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. B. Adger, D. D.,	T. A. Evins, M. D.,	Anderson.
S. J. Price,	J. McLees,	Roberts.
W. H. Davis,	J. F. Dorroh,	Bethany.
John McLees,	James Gillam,	Rock.
A. A. Morse,	T. F. Anderson,	Williamston.
J. O. Lindsay,	L. C. Wilson,	Upper Long Cane.
R. A. Mickle,	Silas Johnstone, (3)	Aveleigh.
W. F. Pearson,	T. L. Woodside,	Fairview.
W. P. Jacobs,	R. McClintock,	Clinton.
T. H. Law,	D. C. Judd,	Spartanburg.
J. L. Martin,	T. C. Perrin,	Abbeville.
J. L. Kennedy, (2)	T. H. McCann,	Carmel.
J. F. Gibert, (2)	S. F. Gibert,	Lebanon.
Hugh McLees, (2)	S. Cherry, (2)	Hopewell (Pendleton).
L. K. Glasgow, (2)	P. B. Moragne, (2)	Willington.
W. McWhorter, (3)	B. B. Harris,	Nazareth (Beaver Dam).
S. Donnelly, (3)	T. Erskine, (2)	Broadaway.
J. R. Riley. (3)	T. R. Wilson,	Smyrna.
A. P. Nicholson. (3)	J. A. Leland,	Laurens.
	P. Gibert,	Rocky River and Provi-
	David Sadler,	Good Hope. [dence.
	H. W. Leland, M. D.,	Ninety-Six.
	A. A. Foster, (2)	Washington St., Green-
	S. M. Webb, (2)	Varenes. [ville.
	R. E. Campbell, M. D.,	Liberty Spring.

MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED,

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

Ministers—S. L. Watson,* J. H. Saye, W. W. Carothers, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson,* J. R. Baird, A. A. James, J. S. Bailey, J. E. White, D. Harrison,* T. W. Erwin, W. W. Ratchford, B. L. Baker.

Churches not represented.—Allison Creek, Beersheba, Beth Shiloh,

*Excused for absence.

Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Carmel Hill, Catholic, Cedar Shoal, Concord and Mt. Olivet, Douglass, Fairforest and Grindal Shoals, Fishing Creek, Harmony, Hephzibah, Hopewell, Lancasterville, Mt. Tabor, Olivet, Pleasant Grove, Salem, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Unionville, Unity.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

Ministers absent.—A. W. Leland, D. D.,* T. Smyth, D. D.,* E. Palmer,* W. States Lee,* C. S. Vedder.

Churches not represented.—Aiken, Barnwell, Beech Island, Central Church, Charleston, Edisto, Harmony, James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, Second Church, Charleston, Stoney Creek, Summerville, Walterboro, Wilton.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

Ministers absent.—W. Brearley, W. M. Reid,* P. Pierson, D. McQueen,* S. H. Hay, G. Morgan, J. A. Cousar, J. G. Richards, W. B. Corbett, H. M. Brearley, W. A. Gregg, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, J. E. Dunlop, G. R. Brackett, N. W. Edmunds.

Churches not represented.—Ainwell, Beaver Creek, Bennettsville, Beulah, Bishopville, Brewington, Camden, Carolina, Centre Point, Cheraw, Concord, Darlington, Elon, Florence, Great Pee Dee, Hephzibah, Hermon, Hopewell, Indiantown, Kingston, Liberty Hill, Little Pee Dee, Lynchburg, Marion, Midway, Mount Zion, Pine Tree, Pisgah, Red Bluff, Reedy Creek, Salem, (L. R.), Scion, Sumterville, Turkey Creek, Union, Williamsburg, White Oak.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ministers absent.—W. Carlile,* E. T. Buist, D. D., D. McNeill Turner, D. D., Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, J. B. Hillhouse, R. H. Reid, E. F. Hyde, W. P. Gready, J. McKittrick.

Churches not represented.—Antioch, Bethel, Bethia, Duncan's Creek, Friendship, Gilder's Creek, Greenville, Honea Path, Hopewell, Little Mountain, Lodimont, Midway, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor, Nazareth, New Harmony, North Pacolet, Pickens C. H., Retreat, Richland, Rocky Spring, Shady Grove, Tugalo, Walhalla, Warrior's Creek.

The Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., was elected Moderator; Rev. H. R. Dickson, Temporary Clerk; and Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Assistant Clerk.

Rev. A. A. Morse and elder T. A. Evins were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises; and then, on motion of Dr. T. A. Evins, Synod agreed to hold its daily sessions from 9½ o'clock a. m. till 3 p. m., the last half hour of each session to be spent in devotional exercises under the direction of the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, it was made the order of the

*Excused for absence.

day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, to consider the subject of *ministerial support and consecration to the appropriate work of the ministry.*

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, until to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

ANDERSON C. H., November 17, 1870,
THURSDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Synod met, and after prayer by Rev. S. J. Price, proceeded to business.

The minutes of the session of last evening were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kennedy, J. F. Gibert, Hugh McLees, L. K. Glasgow, W. W. Mills, and elders P. B. Moragne, representing the Willington church, S. Cherry, representing Hopewell church (Pendleton), and S. M. Webb, representing the church of Varennes, of the South Carolina Presbytery, came into Synod, were excused for tardiness, and were enrolled.

The following paper was then presented, and adopted, and ordered to be incorporated in the minutes of the present sessions of Synod, viz.:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare a brief record of the life, character, and labors of the Rev. T. R. ENGLISH, respectfully report, that the duty assigned them has been peculiarly pleasing and grateful. Their long and intimate acquaintance with the departed, enables them to speak intelligently concerning him; and their high appreciation of his excellences, and deep affection for his person, make it delightful to weave a garland for his memory.

THOMAS REESE ENGLISH was born on the 1st of September, 1806, on Black River, in Sumter District, S. C. His ancestors, in the paternal line, were Quakers, who emigrated from Europe with a colony of that persuasion about the middle of the last century, and settled upon the banks of the Wateree. His mother, Elizabeth Wilson, derived her descent from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian race, which has been so justly distinguished for energy, perseverance, and attachment to the truth of God. At an early age he manifested a quickness of perception and facility in learning, which gave pleasing promise of future eminence. These talents were carefully and faithfully educated by competent teachers, and he became, when comparatively young, a member of the Junior Class in the South Carolina College. His course here was brilliant, and one of the highest honors seemed to await his grasp; but, for reasons satisfactory to himself, he did not remain to be graduated. After an interval of a few years, he took his place among the members of the legal profession in the town of Sumter.

His abilities soon commanded the admiration of his fellow-citizens, who sent him to represent them in the Legislature of his native State. Young, talented, and ambitious, the world was bright to him, and the future promised an abundance of wealth and honor. But God designed that he should move in a higher sphere, that his honors should be connected with the triumphs of the Cross, his wealth with an inheritance above. He was made, by almighty grace, to feel his sinfulness; he was enabled to see in Christ an all-sufficient Saviour, and to enter on the life of faith. Believing that he was called to preach the gospel, he entered upon the study of theology, first under the direction of Rev. J. W. Stephenson, D. D., and then under that of Rev. James McEwen. In the fall of 1832 he was licensed by the Presbytery of Harmony to preach the gospel, and was ordained and installed pastor of Hopewell church by the same body in May of the following year. In this his first field of ministerial labor he remained about two years. He was released from this charge at his own request, and, removing to Tennessee, he supplied the Presbyterian church at Columbia in that State for six months. He did not, however, feel that that should be his earthly home; but returning to his native State, he fixed his residence on Black River. He supplied the churches of old Mt. Zion in Sumter, and Mt. Moriah in Kershaw, until 1839, when, having received a call, he was installed pastor of the church at Bishopville. His pastoral relationship ceased with that church in December, 1845, when he was placed by Presbytery over the churches of Hephzibah and Pine Tree. In 1854 he requested to be released from this charge, for the purpose of repairing his shattered health by extensive travel. The church of Pine Tree, from affection for him which never ceased, entreated him to remain their pastor, which he consented to do. After his return from travel, he not only ministered to this beloved church, but also with great acceptance to the church at Cheraw.

The year 1858 marks an important era in his life, as he then entered upon the work for which he was best qualified, both by nature and by grace. The Presbytery of Harmony, impressed with the importance of giving aid to their feeble churches, and the preaching of the gospel to those who were destitute, appointed him *evangelist*. He entered upon the duties of this high office with great enthusiasm; and with unfaltering zeal he labored in their performance. Love for the work bore him on amidst surrounding difficulties, and success filled his heart with joy. The Saviour's scattered sheep received a shepherd's care, and sermons were preached where the voice of a Presbyterian minister had never been heard. The revelations of the great day will show what good was done. The churches of Kingston, Florence, Turkey Creek, Centre Point, and Beulah, are monuments of his evangelistic zeal, ability, and success.

At the close of the war, he took charge of the four churches of Beulah, Lynchburg, Pine Tree, and Turkey Creek, preaching with great labor to each once in two weeks. From this work God called him, and he went up higher.

In April, 1869, he attended, in his usual health, the regular meeting of his Presbytery, engaged with his accustomed interest in the deliberations of that body, and, on its adjournment, returned with a happy heart to his much loved home. The warm greetings of welcome and affection were exchanged, the family repast was partaken, the altar was surrounded, and he retired with the expectation that after refreshing rest he would open his eyes to the light of God's day. But, alas! the angel of death, unper-

ceived and unsuspected, even then flapped his sable wings over that peaceful dwelling. The dreadful malady, *paralysis*, without one moment's warning came upon him, reason staggered and fell under its crushing weight, and the heavy sleep which precedes death buried him in unconsciousness. When the sun was rising on the following morning, the spirit, impressing a smile of surpassing sweetness upon his features, winged its joyful way to the land which needs no light of the sun. Thus passed from earth to heaven this dear, valued servant of the Lord.

The Committee feel that the task assigned them will not be fulfilled, unless they give a fuller delineation of his character than this brief narrative affords. But in the possession of materials so abundant, they fear that they may be tempted to pass their prescribed limits. They will therefore simply present him as he appeared, first as a citizen, then as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Thomas R. English had, in no ordinary degree, that love of country which is a characteristic of the noblest natures. Everything which promoted the interests and honor of his native State was peculiarly dear to him, and to it he extended encouragement and aid. When that State, in times of danger, called her sons to meet in solemn convention to consult concerning her safety, he more than once appeared among the chosen number. In the darkest hour of her mortal conflict, when smoking ruins marked the places which had been the habitation of her children, his voice inspired courage. And when she fell crushed and mangled under the rod of military power, he wept tears of sorrow over her. But his weeping is now ended. He is gone to a better country. He rejoices in freedom which no enemy can molest or despise.

Space, however, requires that the attention should be withdrawn from this and other distinguished characteristics, and placed upon his qualifications as a minister of the gospel. Impressed with the importance of his high vocation, he magnified his office. Preparation for the pulpit was made with care. The truths which cluster around the cross were the burden of discourse, and in their delivery he frequently attained the heights of genuine eloquence. As evangelist, bearing his message to those who were without, and building up feeble churches, he was pre-eminent. When he fell in death, the Executive Committee of his Presbytery felt that their right arm was severed. The cry of distress arose from hundreds left desolate, and the whole region through which he was accustomed to move bewailed his loss.

He was a Presbyterian in the fullest sense of that honored term. He loved, with deep devotion, the doctrines, government, and ordinances of that Church of which he was a minister. It was his peculiar delight to meet with his brethren in Presbytery and to deliberate with them upon the interests of Zion. Although active and enterprising, he was opposed to innovation, and his voice was often heard eloquently pleading for the good old ways. Such, feebly and imperfectly portrayed, was the character of the lamented English.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Synod has heard, with deep sorrow, of the death of Rev. Thomas R. English, and mourns that so faithful a watchman has fallen from the walls of Zion.

2. The Synod tenderly sympathises with the widow and children of our

departed brother, and prays that the God of the widow and fatherless will comfort and sustain them.

3. The Stated Clerk is directed to transmit to the bereaved family a copy of this memorial and these resolutions.

SAMUEL H. HAY, Chairman.

Col. T. C. Perrin, President of "The Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers and the Families of Deceased Ministers of the Synod of South Carolina," presented a report, which was made the first order for to-morrow.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz.:

On Bills and Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. D. E. Frierson, J. B. Mack, and ruling elders J. F. Gibert and T. F. Anderson.

Judicial Committee.—Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., I. S. K. Legare, John McLees, and ruling elders J. A. Leland and J. F. Dorroh.

Minutes of General Assembly.—Rev. J. L. Wilson, D D., J. O. Lindsay, W. H. Adams, and ruling elders D. C. Judd and J. C. Foster.

Finance—Col. T. C. Perrin and Dr. H. W. Leland.

Narrative.—Rev. Messrs. W. E. Boggs and J. Lowrie Wilson.

Records of Bethel Presbytery.—Rev. J. D. A. Brown and ruling elder T. H. McCann.

Records of Charleston Presbytery.—Rev. E. H. Buist and ruling elder Gen. James Gillam.

Records of Harmony Presbytery.—Rev. R. A. Mickle and ruling elder T. R. Wilson.

Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—Rev. P. Gowan and ruling elder Dr. T. A. Elliott.

Leave of Absence.—Rev. James McDowell and ruling elder J. McLees.

Letters were received from the Rev. Messrs. S. L. Watson, D. McQueen, and Douglass Harrison, which were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Also, a communication from the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary of the Assembly's Committees of Education and Publication. So much of this communication as relates to the subject of Education was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. George Howe and Rev. J. L. Kennedy, with ruling elders Dr. R. E. Campbell and T. R. Wilson; and so much as relates to the Publication business was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Adger and Rev. W. E. Boggs.

A communication from our venerable brother, the Rev. Thos. Smyth, D. D., with reference to his feeble health, was read, and on motion of Dr. Wilson, the Stated Clerk was directed to write a suitable letter to Dr. Smyth, expressive of the tender interest and sympathy of this Synod in the trials of our afflicted brother.

Ruling elder J. C. Tipping, representing the church of Beth-

esda, Bethel Presbytery, ruling elder T. Erskine, representing the church of Broadaway, and ruling elder A. A. Foster, representing Washington Street church, Greenville, of the South Carolina Presbytery, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The Presbyterian narratives and statistical reports were now read, and the narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The statistical reports are as follows, viz. :

Bethel Presbytery consists of 18 ministers and 34 churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 4 candidates.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. Banks and the united churches of Catholic and Pleasant Grove has been dissolved; also between Rev. J. N. Craig and the united churches of Waxhaw, Lancasterville, and Douglass, and Mr. Craig has been dismissed to the Presbytery of North Mississippi. Mr. B. L. Baker, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Florida, has been received, and ordained and installed pastor of the church at Unionville; and Rev. R. E. Cooper has been installed pastor of the united churches of Ebenezer and Rock Hill. James H. Douglass and James S. White have been licensed as probationers for the gospel ministry. A church has been organised at Rock Hill; and Union church, in Gaston County, N. C., has been transferred to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

JOHN L. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 15 ministers and 17 churches

During the year it has received the Rev. J. D. A. Brown from Harmony Presbytery, and ordained the licentiate, Peter Gowan, Jr., and dropped from the roll the names of John Forrest, D. D., W. C. Dana, D. D., Rev. Wm. B. Yates, and Rev. D. X. Lafar—these persons having connected themselves with another body. The church of Edisto Island has been received under the care of Presbytery, and three new churches have been organised, viz., Harmony church, Beaufort County. Salem church, (colored), in connexion with Stoney Creek church, and Mount Pleasant church. Mr. F. L. Leeper has been received from South Alabama Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and Mr. C. E. Chichester, from Second Church, Charleston.

C. S. VEDDER, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery is composed of 24 ministers and 41 churches, one licentiate, and six candidates.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. E. Dunlop and the Kingston church, the Rev. James McDowell and the Brevington and Manning churches, the Rev. J. A. Cousar and the Little Pee Dee church, the Rev. H. M. Brearley and the Carolina church, the Rev. J. D. A. Brown and the Florence church, at their request and with the concurrence of the respective churches, has been dissolved. Mr. H. C. DuBose has been licensed; and the licentiates H. Strong and J. L. Martin have been dismissed to the Presbytery of South Carolina; and the Rev. J. D. A. Brown dismissed to the Presbytery of Charleston.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of South Carolina consists of 29 ministers and 55 churches. It has under its care 3 licentiates and 6 candidates.

The Rev. D. Humphreys has departed this life. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. D. McNeill Turner, D. D., and the Abbeville church, and that between the Rev. W. H. Stratton and the church at Anderson C. H., and that between the Rev. W. P. Jacobs and the Shady Grove church. It has ordained A. P. Nicholson and installed him pastor of the churches of Providence and Rocky River; it has installed Rev. W. F. Pearson pastor of Greenville church; it has received Rev. Thos. H. Law from Charleston Presbytery and installed him pastor of the church at Spartanburg C. H.; it has received the Rev. J. McKittrick from Savannah Presbytery; it has dismissed Rev. W. H. Stratton to the Presbytery of New Orleans, the licentiates W. C. Smith to the care of Orange Presbytery, and W. R. Atkinson to the care of Hanover Presbytery; it has ordained L. K. Glasgow and installed him pastor of Willington church; it has received James L. Martin, a licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Abbeville church; it has licensed John T. McBryde to preach the gospel.

R. A. MICKLE, Stated Clerk.

The town of Sumter was selected as the place of the next meeting of Synod, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November, 1871, at 7 o'clock p. m.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the subject of *ministerial consecration and support*, Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. Adger. The Presbyteries, under resolution of the Synod of last year, were called on to report on these matters. The Presbyteries of Bethel, Harmony, and South Carolina, obtained permission to prepare their reports and submit them to-morrow.

Charleston Presbytery replied to the injunctions of Synod, found on pages 9 and 10 of the printed Minutes of 1869, as follows, to wit:

1. There are 15 ministers in Charleston Presbytery—1 is in the Theological Seminary, 5 are pastors, 4 are evangelists, 2 are agents of the American Sunday-School Union, 1 is superannuated, and 2 are supplying non-Presbyterian churches.

2. All our ministers, except the one who is superannuated, are giving their whole time and care to the work of the ministry.

3. The salaries of the pastors and evangelists are paid in full. In all cases, except one of the pastors, these salaries are sufficient for the support of those to whom they are given, and in that exceptional case it is as much as the desolated church is able to pay, and the aged man of God prefers to remain and suffer with those to whom he ministered in better days.

4. These salaries are as follows: Rev. George Howe, D. D., \$2,500; T. Smyth, D. D., \$1,200; W. S. Lee, parsonage and \$700; Edward Palmer, \$400; J. L. Girardeau, D. D., \$3,000; W. E. Boggs, \$2,000; J. B. Mack, \$1,770; G. J. Porter, \$1,200; J. D. A. Brown, \$1,200; P. Gowan, \$1,200.

5. The sources from which these salaries are obtained are as follows: That of Dr. Howe is from the Seminary Fund; those of Dr. Smyth, Dr.

Girardeau, Rev. W. S. Lee, and Rev. W. E. Boggs, are from their churches; that of Rev. J. B. Mack from the Presbytery; those of Rev. G. J. Porter and Rev. J. D. A. Brown from the Presbytery, except \$200 to the former and \$250 to the latter, from the Sustentation Committee; that of Rev. E. Palmer from his church, except \$150 from the Sustentation Committee; that of Rev. P. Gowan from Zion church, (Glebe St.,) except \$300 from the Zion (colored) church.

6. The churches have contributed to the support of their ministers as follows: Walterboro, \$250; Second church, Charleston, \$1,200; Edisto Island, parsonage and \$700; Zion, (Glebe St.,) Charleston, \$3,900; Columbia, \$2,000; Wilton, \$460; John's Island and Wadmalaw, \$271; James Island, \$165; Stoney Creek, \$10; Aiken, \$400; Beech Island, \$250; Barnwell, \$175; Orangeburg, \$700; Zion, (colored), \$300.

This statement includes all of our churches except five. Three of these, viz., Harmony, Mt. Pleasant, and Salem (colored), have been organised this year. The Summerville church has not been visited by any of our ministers during the past year, and we are uncertain whether one, viz., the Central church, Charleston, belongs to us or not. For these reasons we make no statements concerning them.

After a very earnest discussion of the Synod's resolution of last year, touching the subject of *ministerial support and consecration* to their work, two committees were appointed to report.

1st. *On Ministerial Support*—Col. Perrin, J. Hemphill, and Dr. Burgess.

2d. *On Ministerial Consecration to their Work*—Rev. Messrs. A. A. Morse, J. R. Dow, H. R. Dickson, and J. B. Mack.

The Stated Clerk reported on several matters of duty on which he had been instructed by the Synod, and called the attention of Synod to the action of the last General Assembly concerning a union with the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Kentucky, and the publication of an edition of our Book of Praise, including Rouse's version of the Psalms. So much of this report as refers to Psalmody and our relations to the Associate Reformed Church of the South was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. O. Lindsay, W. Banks, and ruling elder James Hemphill.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, Synod passed a vote of thanks to the Greenville and Columbia, the Blue Ridge, the Wilmington & Manchester, the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta, and the South Carolina Railroad Companies, for facilities granted to members of Synod in passing over their roads; and the Stated Clerk was directed to communicate this resolution to the officers of these several companies.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, in part, that the Rev. J. B. Mack preach to-night, that a missionary meeting be held to-morrow night at 7 o'clock, the Moderator to

preside, and that addresses be made by the Rev. Messrs. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., J. O. Lindsay, and E. H. Buist, after which the discussion to be open for any member of Synod. The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. E. Boggs, from the committee appointed by Synod to superintend the publication of the Rev. Dr. Howe's "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina," called attention of Synod to the fact that one volume of the same has been issued, a copy of which has been laid upon the clerk's desk.

The hour for the devotional exercises having come, Synod engaged in them under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Howe, and then adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ANDERSON C. H., November 18, 1870,
FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. H. Law.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. W. McWhorter, S. Donnelly, J. R. Riley, A. P. Nicholson, with ruling elder Silas Johnstone, representing Aveleigh church, of the Presbytery of South Carolina; the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. G. J. Porter, with ruling elder J. A. Enslow, representing Zion church (Glebe St.), of Charleston Presbytery; ruling elder Robert Rosborough, representing the church of Aimwell, Harmony Presbytery; and Rev. R. E. Cooper, with ruling elder J. F. Workman, representing Rock Hill church, Bethel Presbytery, appeared in Synod, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, it was resolved that Synod request the stated clerks of the several Presbyteries to prepare a full list of the names of all their elders and deacons, with their post office address, to be presented at the next meeting of Synod for publication with the Minutes.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which, on motion of the Rev. E. H. Buist, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. J. McDowell, with ruling elders T. C. Perrin and James Hemphill.

The Rev. S. S. Gaillard, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Dr. Wilson, from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that there was no matter calling for the special notice of Synod; which, on motion of Dr. Adger, was placed on the docket.

A communication from the Rev. Prof. J. M. Anderson, of Davidson College, with excuse for absence, with an interesting statement of the present prosperous condition of the College, was read for information.

The special order for this hour, being the report of the Synod's Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., was then taken up; and, after discussion, was, on motion of Dr. Girardeau, referred to a special committee to report at the next regular meeting of Synod.

The committee consists of Col. T. C. Perrin, Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Rev. J. R. Dow, with ruling elders James Hemphill and Col. R. A. Fair.

Synod then recessed from business for ten minutes.

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery reported, recommending that the minutes be approved as far as written. The report was adopted.

Rev. J. O. Lindsay, from the Committee on the Relations of the Synod to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and on the subject of Psalmody, reported, and the report was adopted, viz.:

The Committee would call the attention of Synod to the action of the General Assembly concerning the terms of union with the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Kentucky, and the directions given to our Committee of Publication, to incorporate in our Book of Praise the whole of Rouse's version of the Psalms for all the churches in our connection that may desire to use it. As the Synod of South Carolina is, more than any other part of our Church, intimately associated with the larger part of the ministers and churches of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, the attention of all our people is hereby called to the action of the Assembly referred to above, not only on account of the excellence of these songs of praise, but also that we may endeavor to cultivate the kindest relations with our Associate Reformed brethren in the South, who have always borne a noble testimony for the truth of God's word and the order of his house.

The order of the day being the reports of the committees on the subject of ministerial consecration and ministerial support, Col. Perrin presented the report of the Committee on the latter branch of the subject, which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of ministerial support, beg leave to report: That they have considered the same, and are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject. One of the highest evidences of the prosperity of any church is the liberal support of the minister. The

Committee think that it is a cause of rejoicing that the Presbyteries have so promptly and favorably responded to the resolutions of the last Synod upon this subject; but it is believed that the Synod's work is not yet done, but only entered upon; the Presbyteries should report to the next Synod the progress that may be made the ensuing year. It is also believed that this subject should be brought distinctly and promptly before the congregations of the various churches in our connexion; and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That every minister of this Synod having the charge of a church, be required to preach a sermon touching the relative duties of himself and his people, in which this subject shall be discussed; that this duty be performed by all the ministers on the second Lord's day in June next, or as soon thereafter as circumstances will allow of it; and that the ministers are hereby required to report to the Synod at its next meeting the performance or non-performance of this duty, with the amount of salary that they respectively receive.

Resolved, That in view of the immediate pressing wants of many of our ministers from inadequate support, forcing upon them the necessity of looking out for other positions where they may obtain support for themselves and their families, the Synod would respectfully recommend that the elders and deacons of each church would immediately take this matter into consideration, and adopt such measures as in their judgment may be necessary to secure an ample support for their ministers respectively.

Resolved, That church sessions are requested to take into consideration the scheme proposed to raise a Relief Fund, and by calling a meeting of their respective congregations, or in such other way as they may think proper, endeavor to induce their congregations to secure an interest in the Relief Fund for the benefit of their pastors' families at their decease; and that they report without unnecessary delay to the Secretary of Sustentation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. C. PERRIN, Chairman.

Rev. A. A. Morse presented the report of the Committee on ministerial consecration, which, after amendment, was adopted, recommending the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That every minister belonging to this Synod be most earnestly and affectionately exhorted, for Jesus' sake, to review the past and reconsecrate himself to the ministry of reconciliation.

2. That the Presbyteries be affectionately enjoined, at their next regular meeting, to devote at least one hour to the consideration of ministerial consecration, and exhort and encourage one another, and to continue to do so until a much higher standard is reached than is now apparent.

3. That the condition of the Church, and the fact that so much of the precious time of the ministry is given to other than their proper work, demands most imperatively such a reconsecration.

4. That, as ministers of this Synod, we do now solemnly pledge ourselves to our blessed Master, and to each other, that, by the grace of God, we will strive to disengage ourselves more and more from every thing that interferes with our great work as ministers, and especially, that we will strive to make a more careful preparation of sermons by laborious and prayerful study, that we may serve the Lord, not with that which costs us

nothing, but with that which costs us much ; and, also, that we will be more diligent in visiting and preaching from house to house.

5. That in conformity with Resolutions 3 and 4, pages 9 and 10 of the printed Minutes of the Synod of 1869, this Synod enjoins on the Presbyteries to report to the next Synod, whether all its pastoral relations are profitable to the cause of Christ, and as to what has been done in remedy of the Stated Supply system.

On motion of Rev. W. E. Boggs, it was ordered that these reports be printed at the expense of Synod, and forwarded to the churches by the Stated Clerk, with a note calling attention of elders and deacons to the action required of them by the Synod.

The Presbyteries of Bethel and Harmony now reported, verbally, that they are making progress in their efforts to comply with the injunctions of the Synod with reference to the same.

The Presbytery of South Carolina in relation to these subjects presented the following report, which was approved, viz.:

The Presbytery expresses its approval of the first four resolutions on pages 9 and 10 of the Synod of last year ; and, in the same kind and affectionate spirit in which they are expressed, intends to enforce them.

In respect to the 5th resolution, touching the *consecration, by our ministers, of their time and strength to their peculiar work*, the Presbytery reports that it has 29 ordained ministers. One is superannuated, 1 is out of our bounds in feeble health, and 1 is a Professor in the Theological Seminary ; 5 are *mainly* occupied in secular pursuits, 7 others give *much* of their time to secular pursuits, and still 2 more give some of their time in the same way. The remaining 12, we believe, give their whole time and strength to preaching the gospel within our bounds.

To report still more definitely—Of our 27 ministers, who are able to work, 13, including the Theological Professor, are devoting themselves to their peculiar work, and 14 are giving more or less of their time and strength to secular pursuits.

As to the manner in which each church contributes to the support of its pastor, we would say, in general, that a great advance has been made in the past five years, from an average of \$350 to \$700. But, in many cases, this is inadequate, and we are compelled to say, that many of our ministers are not freed from worldly cares and avocations, and hence the excuse for being so employed. But we are greatly cheered with the belief that there is not one of our 54 churches but is now willing to make greater efforts than ever before to sustain the ministry. But this improvement on the part of some can and should be still greater. We still have large churches which could fully sustain a pastor, and yet they are content with preaching for only half the time. Some of our churches, without any good excuse, persist in the Stated Supply system, and some of our ministers, we greatly fear, encourage this thing. Two of our very largest and oldest churches have never, we believe, had a settled *pastor*, but have continued the Stated Supply system with the same minister for many years. It is but just, however, to say, that, in respect to them, an earnest effort, with, however, much opposition, is being made to correct this evil.

Of the 26 ministers preaching in our bounds, 14 are pastors, 1 is an

evangelist, and 11 are altogether stated supplies, yet only 16 of our 54 churches have pastors; 7, however, are now seeking pastors, leaving 31 which are occupying and seem willing to continue to do so, the position of mission stations. For a number of them there is no good excuse; but they love to have it so.

Of these 26 ministers, the salaries of 11 range from \$1,200 down to \$800; of 4 from \$800 to \$600; of 6 from \$600 to \$400; of 5 from \$200 down to almost nothing.

But we forbear, trusting that what has been said will elicit inquiry, and finally to such action as may be for the good of the Bride, the Lamb's wife. The glory of the Master's kingdom is the desire of our hearts.

Dr. Howe, from the Committee on the communication from the Assembly's Secretary of Education, reported the following resolutions, which were considered *seriatim* and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, 1. That in the judgment of this Synod, the schemes of the Church for the providing of a qualified ministry underlies, as a foundation, all its plans for the planting and nurture of the Church, and the dissemination of the gospel at home and abroad.

2. That the rapidly increasing destitutions in our own Synod, and the wants of our country and the world, demand that the attention of Christians should be especially turned to this subject, that their earnest prayers should first go up to the Lord of the harvest for laborers in his harvest; and that pastors and sessions should lead pious young men of proper endowments to inquire whether it may not be their duty to serve God in the work of the ministry.

3. That the pressing necessities of those now pursuing their studies for the ministry, and their augmented number, demand that aid should be immediately extended to them, and that to this end, the treasury of the Committee of Education, now empty, be immediately replenished, and with larger sums than have been required before.

4. That all the ministers and sessions that have not taken up the November collections, ordered by the General Assembly for this object, be directed to do so at once, and to forward the same at their earliest convenience, that our students be not obliged to suspend their studies and turn aside to other employments.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported further, recommending that the Rev. Dr. Girardeau make an address to-night, in place of the Rev. J. O. Lindsay, prevented by sickness from doing so, at the conference on the subject of Foreign Missions. Adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Girardeau, it was made the second order of the day to-morrow to hear the Rev. S. S. Gaillard upon the interests of Oglethorpe University.

The hour for devotional services having arrived, Synod, under the direction of Dr. Girardeau, engaged in them; and then took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock this evening, to attend on the missionary conference.

Synod reassembled at the time appointed and resumed business.

The Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson and ruling elder Dorroh, for special reasons, obtained leave of absence after this evening's session.

A paper bearing on the duty of ministers and the representatives of churches more fully and punctually to attend upon the annual meeting of Synod was presented by the Rev. H. R. Dickson and adopted, and ordered to be published, separately from any abstract of the Minutes which may be published, in the *Southern Presbyterian and Index*.

The following is the minute on the subject, to wit:

It has been brought to the notice of this body that there is a growing disposition amongst ministers and elders to neglect the duty of attending its meetings, which seems to spring from the idea that the Synod is a court which the Church might very well dispense with. The Synod of South Carolina would, therefore, express its belief that the idea referred to is altogether unfounded. The Presbyterian system of Church government demands some court higher than the Presbytery to which appeals may go, and which may take charge of the interests committed to the Presbyteries. It is impossible for the General Assembly, meeting only once a year, to dispose of all the matters of this sort which may present themselves. For this reason the Synod is indispensable to our system. In addition to this consideration, it deserves to be noticed that Synod's meetings bring together the ministers and elders of several Presbyteries once every year, and the good effect of such reunions, in a great variety of directions, is too obvious to require a full mention. This Synod would, therefore, affectionately urge on all our brethren of the ministry to be more punctual in coming up to these meetings, and on the sessions to be more particular in sending representatives. And inasmuch as the expense of attendance is a serious obstacle in the way, we urge that the sessions take measures to provide the means, both for its ministers and elders, of travelling to and from our annual convocations.

Synod then attended on the missionary conference.

Addresses, interspersed with devotional services, were made by the Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Rev. Dr. Wilson, and Rev. E. H. Buist. After which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Adger, an offering of money was made to the cause, when \$112 were collected.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, until to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock.

ANDERSON C. H., November 19, 1870,
SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Synod met, and after prayer by the Rev. J. O. Lindsay, proceeded to business.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Mr. A. A. McKenzie, representing Bethel church, Bethel Presbytery, came into Synod, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

The Rev. R. A. Mickle, from the Committee on the Minutes of Harmony Presbytery, stated that the records were not present. The Committee was then discharged.

The Rev. E. H. Buist, from the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, made a report, which was amended and adopted as follows, to wit:

The Committee have examined these records carefully, and find them neatly and correctly kept. But they would note the absence, from the top of the page, of the dates of the records, the presence of which would greatly facilitate their examination. They recommend their approval, with the following exception: As to the meeting held at Summerville, S. C., April 11th, 1867, at which there was no ruling elder present, (see page 43 of the Records), the Committee offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the meeting was irregular, no elder being present.

Rev. Mr. Hodges of the Methodist Episcopal Church South being present, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Adger presented a minute with reference to the presence of ruling elders in constituting a Presbytery. After some discussion, on motion of ruling elder James Hemphill, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Rev. J. McDowell, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, made a report, which, on motion of Rev. R. A. Mickle, was re-committed.

Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, from the Committee on the Narrative, in the absence of the chairman, presented a report, which was adopted, to wit:

The Committee on the Narrative would report to the Synod, that the Presbyteries, while recognising grounds for special thanksgiving to a gracious God and Saviour, yet do not conceal grave reasons for confession and humiliation before Him.

The question of ministerial supply is growing more and more serious, as death silently does his work, and active laborers remove to other parts of the vineyard. One Presbytery reports fourteen churches without a pastor; another ; and another . These lamentable facts call for special

prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard ; and that the churches put forth strenuous efforts to maintain those already sent.

Gratifying additions have been made to several churches—in one Presbytery every church heard from reports such additions, and in several cases they are quite large.

Two Presbyteries show pleasing activity in the employment of evangelists. In both cases God has blessed this much neglected agency, and in one case several new churches with full membership are the apparent fruits of this labor.

The liberality of God's people is being developed, and especially in supporting pastors. In one Presbytery the *average* of salaries is more than \$1,500, and yet it is believed that this Presbytery is not blessed with any thing like unusual prosperity. The reports touching Sabbath-schools are not very full ; but such facts as are before us, show that pastors and sessions are taking these nurseries of the Church more and more under their supervision and control.

Christian character seems generally to be maintained ; but in some cases an increase in cases of discipline is noted, and painful defections among the elders are brought to light. In view of these circumstances of mingled light and shade, it would become us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, and seek grace to live and labor for his glory.

Rev. John McLees, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare a memorial minute of the life, labors, and death of the Rev. David Humphreys, presented the following, which was adopted, viz.:

The death of an aged and efficient member of this body may well claim a special notice. It is an admonition to prepare for death, while the example is for the encouragement and imitation of those who are still spared to labor for the cause of Christ. We can, however, only present a few of the prominent facts in the history of this beloved father in the Church, so long known to the members of the Synod, but whose face we shall see no more in the flesh.

DAVID HUMPHREYS was born in North Carolina, Sept. 30th, 1793. The family removed into South Carolina, and settled on the Tugaloo River in Pendleton District. The means of grace at that time were enjoyed to a limited degree in that section of the country. David Humphreys, however, at an early age, became a hopeful subject of grace, and united with the Baptist church. As he manifested a desire to obtain a liberal education, he was at first placed in a school taught by Rev. Andrew Brown, and afterwards sent to Willington Academy, taught by Rev. Moses Waddel, D. D.

During his course of literary study, his mind underwent a change in regard to the mode of baptism. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was taken under the care of the South Carolina Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. His theological studies were directed by Dr. Waddel, and he was licensed to preach the gospel in October, 1819. In April, 1820, in company with Rev. T. C. Stuart, he set out on a missionary excursion to the Indians in the far West. In the autumn of 1820, he first visited Roberts church. In the spring of 1821, he received and accepted a call from Good Hope and Roberts churches, and was soon after

ordained and installed their pastor. He labored acceptably and successfully for a number of years, when it came to light that the small salary at first promised the pastor had not been regularly paid. The debt was remitted, and, by mutual consent, the pastoral relation was dissolved. He continued, however, as stated supply up to 1842, when he left Roberts to supply the church at Anderson C. H. In 1845, he was again installed pastor of Good Hope; and in 1851 he was installed pastor of Roberts: so these two churches were again united under his pastoral care. The increased size of the congregations called for larger houses of worship. In 1854, each congregation, encouraged by their pastor, erected a large and commodious house of worship, both of which were completed and paid for, and dedicated in the same year. With unabated zeal, he continued to preach the word of truth until September, 1869, when he was taken quite ill while from home preaching at Varennes church. He was taken home; and as his end approached, he spoke of his abiding trust in God; and with an unshaken faith and an exultant hope, he left the Church below to join the Assembly of the firstborn in heaven. He died September 29, 1869; aged 76 years. For fifty years he was a minister of the gospel, and one whose influence and usefulness in the Church have been long and widely felt. He was not eminent for his depth of learning, or power of oratory; but he was a devoted, zealous, self-denying servant of Christ; remarkable for punctuality, simple and unaffected in his manner, plain and earnest in his style, and unwearied and persevering in his labors. But the Master has called his servant home, and the Synod is called to bow reverently to the will of God. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." We should be stimulated by the example, and encouraged by the success of this venerable father, and consecrate ourselves anew to the work of the ministry. Yea, let every member of this Synod bear in mind that "*the time is short*;" and while one after another of this body is being removed from us, that we should earnestly and fervently pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth additional laborers into his harvest.

JOHN McLEES, Chairman.

Rev. W. E. Boggs asked leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this body, which request was unanimously granted.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. S. S. Gaillard, of the Synod of Georgia, was heard, at some length, in the interests of Oglethorpe University. After which, on motion of Col. Perrin, it was

Resolved, That the Synod has heard, with lively interest, the messages that have been borne to us by Brother Gaillard, with regard to Oglethorpe University; that it approves of the objects and aims of the said University, and commends it to the favorable consideration of the churches in our connexion.

Rev. J. D. A. Brown, from the Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, reported their approval, with the following exception:

A meeting was held at Chester, October 21st, 1869, and adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, without it being recorded that the meet-

ing was closed with prayer. It met next day at the call of the Moderator, and it is not recorded that it was opened or closed with prayer. See pages 42 and 43. A meeting was also held at Rock Hill, October 6th, 1870, and adjourned without it being recorded that prayer made. See page 74. The Narrative on the State of Religion, prepared in session at Yorkville, is not recorded in the minutes.

The report was adopted.

Rev. A. A. Morse, from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported further, and the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson preach to-night at 7½ o'clock in the Presbyterian church; and Rev. J. D. A. Brown, to-night in the Methodist church.

SABBATH—*Presbyterian Church*.—Dr. Plumer preach at 11 o'clock a. m.; and Rev. T. H. Legare conduct the Communion Services. *Afternoon*—Rev. H. R. Dickson, preach at 3½; Rev. W. H. Adams, at 7.

Methodist Church.—Rev. J. McDowell, preach at 11 o'clock a. m.; Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., 7 p. m.

Baptist Church.—Rev. G. J. Porter, 11 a. m. *Afternoon*, at 3½, the Sabbath-schools addressed by Rev. W. P. Jacobs and Rev. I. S. K. Legare.

African (M. E.) Church.—Rev. J. B. Mack, 11 a. m.; Rev. P. Gowan, 7 p. m.

Col. T. C. Perrin, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

The Committee have considered all the matters that have been referred to them. They find that the assessments that were made upon the Presbyteries by the last Synod have been paid, and all the expenses settled, leaving in the treasury the sum of \$7.

The expenses of this Synod will exceed that of the last, as some extra printing has been ordered. The Committee think that the minutes should be printed; and they therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Stated Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes of this Synod printed in the usual form for distribution among the churches.

2. That the following assessments be made to wit: On Bethel Presbytery, \$38; Harmony, \$55; Charleston, \$38; South Carolina, \$55; and that the same be collected by the treasurers of the respective Presbyteries and paid over to the Stated Clerk.

T. C. PERRIN, Chairman.

Synod then recessed from business for twenty minutes. After recess Synod assembled and resumed business.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Kennedy, the Synod passed a vote of thanks to the citizens of Anderson for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members during the present sessions.

And, on motion of Rev. W. Banks, the thanks of Synod were returned to the Baptist and Methodist churches of the town for the use of their pulpits on this occasion.

Rev. J. McDowell then presented the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was approved as follows:

The following ministers are excused for non-attendance upon the present meeting of Synod : D. McQueen, S. H. Hay, S. L. Watson, W. A. Gregg, D. Harrison, T. Smyth, D. D., J. M. Anderson.

Not excused from the present meeting : R. H. Reid.

The following ministers have rendered no excuse for absence from the last meeting :

Presbytery of South Carolina—D. McNeill Turner, D. D., W. McWhorter, Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, J. B. Hillhouse, W. P. Gready, J. R. Riley, and A. P. Nicholson.

From Bethel Presbytery—J. S. Bailey.

From Harmony Presbytery—G. Morgan, J. L. Bartlett, H. M. Brearley, D. McDuffie, and N. W. Edmonds.

From Charleston Presbytery—T. H. Legare.

Leave of absence has been granted to the following ministers of this Synod—S. J. Price, J. L. Wilson, D. D., Geo. Howe, D. D., J. R. Dow, W. E. Boggs, and E. H. Buist; and the following elders—W. A. McDowell and T. R. Wilson, after Friday night.

Rev. Dr. Adger then moved that the absentees from last Synod, who are now present at this meeting, be called on for the reasons of their absence: whereupon Rev. Messrs. A. P. Nicholson, W. McWhorter, and T. H. Legaré, rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, for the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit :

The Synod is informed, by the Board of Directors, that \$1,200 will be needed from the churches in its bounds to assist in supplementing the income of the Seminary for the present year. It is recommended that that sum be apportioned among the Presbyteries as follows: South Carolina Presbytery, \$400; Harmony Presbytery, \$350; Bethel Presbytery, \$250; Charleston Presbytery, \$200.

Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., from the Committee to whom had been referred the communication of the Assembly's Secretary of Publication, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Synod of South Carolina agrees heartily with the Committee of Publication as to the importance of their work, and the value of their printed issues. If we send our people to other churches for their reading, and if we leave our children to be indoctrinated by what other denominations publish, we may expect our walls to be undermined and overthrown. In this age the printed page setting forth divine truth in various attractive forms, is an indispensable auxiliary to the preaching of the gospel. We strongly recommend our people to co-operate fully and earnestly with this Committee, rallying to their support, buying their supplies of Sunday-school and other books from them, and in every way helping to build up

their power to do the work for which the Church has set them apart. In particular, we recommend that our pastors seek to have the *Children's Friend*, and the Committee's new publication, *The Earnest Worker*, introduced into all our Sunday-schools. And we urge that efforts be made to secure \$1,500, the balance requisite to make up a working capital of \$50,000 for this Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, and the Judicial Committee, reported that no business had come before them, and were discharged.

On motion of Rev. W. P. Jacobs, the Rev. Dr. J. L. Girardeau was requested to preach before the Synod at its next meeting a sermon on *ministerial consecration*.

Synod then spent some time in devotional exercises under the direction of Rev. A. A. Morse.

The minutes of the session of this day were read and approved. After singing a portion of the 46th Psalm, 1st part, and prayer by Rev. S. Donnelly, and the benediction by the Moderator, Synod adjourned to meet at Sumter on Wednesday, before the third Sabbath in October, 1871, at 7 o'clock p. m.

WM. S. PLUMER, Moderator.

H. R. DICKSON, Temporary Clerk.

W. P. JACOBS, Assistant Clerk.

WM. BANKS, Stated Clerk.